

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 20-24 and 26-28 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant AMENDS claims 20-24 and 27 and CANCELS claims 16-19, 25, 29, and 30.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claim 26 by the Examiner.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claim 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant notes that although the Examiner indicated on the Form PTO-326 that a signed and initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08a submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on June 19, 2007 was included with the outstanding Office Action, a signed and initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08a was not received by Applicant nor made of record in IFW. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the signed and initialed Form PTO/SB/08a with the next Office Action.

Claims 16, 17, 19, 21-24, and 27-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yanagimoto et al. (U.S. 2004/0261615). Claims 18 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yanagimoto et al.

Claim 27 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 26. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 27 should also be allowed.

Allowable claim 20 has been rewritten to be in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 21-24 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 20.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections of claims 16, 17, 19, 21-24, and 27-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yanagimoto et al. and claims 18 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yanagimoto et al. are moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20 is allowable. Claims 21-24 and 28 depend upon claim 20, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that claim 20 is allowable. As indicated

above, claim 26 has been allowed and claim 27 has been amended to depend upon claim 26.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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